RESOLUTION 8-2006 CALLING FOR AN ELECTION TO CONTINUE THE MILL LEVY ALLOCATION TO PROVIDE FOR NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 1-2006

WHEREAS, 15-10-425 MCA permits the governing body of a county to raise money by taxation for the support of county government services in excess of the levy or levies allowed by law, and

WHEREAS, the legislatively authorized weed levy of 2 mills, plus the authorized floating weed levy, provide insufficient funding in the weed fund (2140) for Madison County to adequately control the spread of noxious weeds, and

WHEREAS, Madison County takes full advantage of the State Weed Control Program Grants and there are no alternative sources of sufficient revenue under the existing tax levies otherwise allowed by law or by obtaining grants or donations, and

WHEREAS, Madison County residents and landowners have expressed an interest in continuing to implement an aggressive effort to control noxious weeds in Madison County, and

WHEREAS, the Madison County Weed Board has requested the governing body of Madison County to place the Special Weed Levy on the June 2006, Primary Election Ballot to maintain weed control funding of \$120,000 in addition to the legislatively authorized weed 2 mill levy, plus the authorized floating weed mill levy, and

WHEREAS, 15-10-425 (4) MCA states if a majority voting are in favor of the additional levy, the governing body is authorized to impose the levy in the amount specified in the resolution, and

WHEREAS, 7-22-2142 (2) (b) states that the commissioners may provide sufficient money in the noxious weed fund for the board to perform its duties subject to 15-10-420 and at any time fixed by law for levy and assessment of taxes, levying a tax not less than 1.6 mills on the taxable value of all taxable property in the county or by contributing an equivalent amount from another source of net less than the amount received from all county sources in fiscal year 2000, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Madison County Commissioners hereby place a Special Weed District Mill Levy request on the June 6, 2006 Primary Election Ballot as follows:

Shall the Board of County Commissioners of Madison County be authorized to maintain the levy necessary to raise \$120,000, being approximately three (3) mills, in addition to the legislatively authorized 2 mill weed levy and floating weed levy for a period of four (4) years for the purpose of continuing to implement a coordinated, aggressive Noxious Weed Control Program in Madison County. If this levy passes, property taxes on a home valued at \$100,000 would increase by approximately \$5.10 and property taxes on a home valued at \$200,000 would increase by approximately \$10.20 per year.

- o FOR the continued mill levy to raise \$120,000 per year, being approximately three (3) mills, for a period of four years for the coordinated implementation of a more aggressive noxious weed management effort in Madison County.
- AGAINST the continued mill levy to raise \$120,000 per year, being approximately three (3) mills, for a period of four years for the coordinated implementation of a more aggressive noxious weed management effort in Madison County.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THIS $20^{\rm th}$ DAY OF MARCH, 2006 .	
C. TED COFFMAN, CHAIR	ATTEST:
DAVID SCHULZ	Peggy Kaatz Clerk and Recorder
FRANK NELSON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MADISON COUNTY	